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Sunday, July 10, 2022

Worship led by: Rev. Roy Rogers

Organist: Polly Jeanty

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***= Please rise in body or spirit**

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE - "Morning has Broken"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God's greatness is wondrous to behold.

P: Everywhere we look, we can see the imprint of God.

L: From the loftiest mountains to the crashing waters of the sea,

P: There God's greatness stands majestically.

L: God's greatness can be within the human heart.

P: Let us honor and praise God with acts of loving kindness and compassion. AMEN.

***OPENING PRAYER –**

Lord of mystery and community, you have called us here this day to remind us of the mission journey you set before us. Help us to pay attention to the words of Jesus as he sent out his disciples on a mission of healing and compassion. Remind us that success is not measured in the cures, but in the striving. Enable us to truly be your disciples in this world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN: #27 "How Great Thou Art"**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Inspired by Mark 4:26-34

Leader: King Jesus, you taught your disciples a great deal about your kingdom, and we confess that we have thought much more about our own kingdoms than about yours. In fact, you are the king over all creation, and we are not.

People: You are the King over all creation; we are your humble servants.

Leader: We confess that we have acted like the kings and queens over our lives, and we have not regarded your reign nearly as much as we ought. In fact, we have tried to keep your sovereign rule as far away from our lives as much as possible.

People: You are the King over all creation; we are your humble servants.

Leader: We ask that you renew our hearts to love and cherish your authority and power. We want to obey you, we want to serve you, and we want to follow you.

People: You are the King over all creation; we are your humble servants. Help us love and worship you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE “Gloria Patri”

**Glory be to the Father, And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Daniel 3:8-12; 16-18

⁸ At this time some astrologers came forward and denounced the Jews. ⁹ They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “May the king live forever! ¹⁰ Your Majesty has issued a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music must fall down and worship the image of gold, ¹¹ and that whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into a blazing furnace. ¹² But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.”

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

Acts 4:8-20 ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but

whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” ¹³ When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished, and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. ¹⁴ But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. ¹⁵ So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. ¹⁶ “What are we going to do with these men?” they asked. “Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.” ¹⁸ Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! ²⁰ As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

SERMON - “The Gift of Obedience”

Service of Baptism for Elizabeth Lynn Deignan

Date of Birth: 5/1/2022

Parents: Stephen & Jennifer Deignan

Sponsors: James P. Deignan, Jennifer Deignan, Rachel A. Gold

Officiant: Rev. Roy H. Rogers

INVITATION

WELCOME

Leader: They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them,

People: “Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it.”

Leader: And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

ADDRESS

Leader: The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible ...and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

People: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ’s body.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT (please stand)

People: We receive this child as a new person in Christ. We offer our understanding and support as she explores life. We enfold this child in our love, seeking together to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all people. We join with these parents and this brother in

telling the gospel in our midst so that this child may live with us for Christ, showing forth Christ's love for all people.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God with the United Church of Christ's Statement of Faith.

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.**

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

CALL TO THE OFFERING - *Offerings are collected before and after worship in the Fellowship Hall. The basket is located near the double doors to the sanctuary.*

Our monetary offerings are acts of worship, praise, and thanksgiving to the Living and Loving God. We give in response to the abundant generosity of the Original Giver, the source of all life and blessings. What we place in the collection plate each week is a sign of our intention to dedicate our lives to serving God. The faith community is the Body of Christ; we give through the church to carry out God's purposes in the world. God asks us to give out of our blessings, not what we lack. As long as our gifts are meaningful to us, the size does not matter; what counts to God is the sincerity of our hearts.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be:

All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Heavenly Father, thank you that you are God, and there is no other, you are God, and there is none like you. You love us with an eternal love and we give you our offerings as an expression of our love for you. We pray our gifts would be used to extend your kingdom in our land. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (congregation may be seated)

*Please respond to petitions with "**Hear our prayer**"*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #211 "Jesus Shall Reign"

*COMMISSION & BENEDICTION (based on Exodus 16:2-15, Matthew 20:1-16)

Go out from here
as workers in God's upside-down kingdom,
where the last are first and the first are last,
where needs are met in miraculous ways,
and there is grace enough for all!
And may the blessing of God,
the love of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit
surround you and sustain you in the coming days.
Amen.

POSTLUDE



The Deignan's invite all to gather in fellowship hall after today's service for sweet treats and refreshments to celebrate Elizabeth Lynn's baptism!

Pastor Randy will be on vacation from June 29-July 11.
Please contact Pastor Roy during this time if you have any pastoral needs.



2022 Bethlehem UCC Consistory Members

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Those in our thoughts and prayers:

Joys:

The baptism of Elizabeth Lynn Deignan

Families who have lost loved ones:

Jane Markelz

Everett Henning

Those struggling with health issues:

Steve Rumpff

Steve Kornely

Tom Lefeber

Glen Schad

Signe Burkhart

Kenzie Koppenhaver

Hattie Lucille

Warren Fidlin

Olivia Marie

Bennett (Grandson of Schmidts)

Dana P (friend of Melissa K)

Jessica Horneck

Janice Schad

Darlene Horneck

Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)

Helen Henning

Nikki (Friend of Bonnie Z)

Those unable to worship with us:

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer

Other Concerns:

People of the Ukraine and others affected by war and violence.

People affected by recent gun violence in our nation.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Reminder! Please check and empty your church mailbox.
- The blue and yellow candle on the altar is lit in unity with the people of the Ukraine.
- ***Field of Dreams is again accepting visitors!
Merlin & Doris Mae would love to see you.***
- **Bethlehem Youth Fellowship Summer Volleyball:**
July 10, 2022 – 6:30pm Saron @ Bethlehem
July 17, 2022 – 6:30pm Bethlehem @ St. Marks/St. James
July 24, 2022 – 6:30pm Immanuel/Bethel @ Bethlehem
Tournament date – Aug 7th, 2022 at Immanuel at NOON
Coaches/captains meeting @ 11:45 a.m.

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Community Announcements:

July 13 – 4p-6p – Ice Cream Social Supper (Carryout only) Ebenezer UCC, Chilton

This Week at Bethlehem:

Today Sunday 7/10: 9:30am Worship w/baptism of Elizabeth Lynn
6:30pm Youth Vball HOME vs. Saron

Monday 7/11: ~Happy Birthday Brad Hoban!

Tuesday 7/12 6:30pm Consistory meeting

Wednesday 7/13:

Thursday 7/14:

Friday 7/15: ~Happy Birthday Dan Wempner!

~Happy Anniversary Chad & Sara Jeanty!

Saturday 7/16:

Sunday 7/17: 9:30am Worship w/Pastor Randy
6:30pm Youth Vball @ St. Marks/St. James

July Pantry Items: School Supplies

JULY JINGLE CHANGE supports The Bethlehem Ladies "Christmas Cheer" project

AN ORIGINAL PRODUCTION ...

"A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO NINEVEH"

The community is invited to experience this musical debut following the biblical story of Jonah in a contemporary setting.

A FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED AT EACH PERFORMANCE FOR "PROJECT NINEVEH" - RAISING MONIES FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEE RELIEF AND SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY.



Friday, July 15 at 7PM
Saturday, July 16 at 7PM
Sunday, July 17 at 2PM

Location: Salem United Church of Christ
217 Salem Drive, Plymouth, WI
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